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(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

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<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of <u>1</u> sheets, as follows:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the International Bureau only) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p>																									
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Box No. I

Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-15 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. 5-8 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* 1-4 _____ received by this Authority on 25.07.2005
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the drawings:
- sheets _____ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
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* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-3</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>4-8</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-3</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>4-8</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-8</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP 2000-80344 A (Kabushiki Kaisha Tomoegawa Seisakusho), 21 March 2000

Document 3: JP 11-106712 A (Kabushiki Kaisha Tomoegawa Seisakusho), 20 April 1999

The inventions set forth in claims 4 to 8 lack novelty and/or do not involve an inventive step in the light of the content disclosed in documents 1 and 3 cited in the international search report.

Documents 1 and 3 both disclose film-like objects which are configured from a base material that comprises a resin layer of a poly(amide)imide resin or the like by forming a layer of an adhesive (adjuvant) composition, which includes a solvent and an aromatic polyamide with a phenolic hydroxy group, upon the surface of said resin layer, and also disclose copper-clad laminate circuit boards which are configured by providing said film-like object upon one section of the layered structure of a laminated board and then adhering a copper foil or the like thereto.

A comparison of the inventions set forth in claims 4 to 8 and the inventions disclosed in documents 1 and 3 showed that although the methods for the production

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thereof are different, there cannot be considered to be any significant differences between the structures or the like of the resulting films, the resulting laminated boards or the resulting circuit boards. Such being the case, there cannot be considered to be any significant technical difference between the inventions in question as physical objects.

As a result, the inventions that are set forth in claims 4 to 8 and the inventions that are disclosed in documents 1 and 3 can be considered to be substantially the same.

The documents that are cited in the international search report do not include any disclosure that refutes the novelty or inventive step of the inventions that are set forth in claims 1 to 3, and thus the inventions in question can be considered to be novel and to involve an inventive step.